



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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E-NEWS

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Economic &
Community
Development, Chair

Finance, Personnel
& Audit

Transportation,
Public Works &
Transit

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Lake Parkway
Extension Advisory
Committee, Chair

Aging & Disability
Resource Center
(ADRC) Governing
Board

Milwaukee Art
Museum, Trustee

Milwaukee County
Federated Library
System, Trustee

Milwaukee County
Research Park
Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway
Aerotropolis
Corporation

Restructuring County Government

My office is planning a program to obtain your input about the future of Milwaukee County government. Representative Joseph Sanfelippo, a former supervisor, introduced [Bill 1340](#), which would change County governance. Some of the main provisions of the bill would:

- Make supervisors “part-time” with no health or pension benefits and reduce “salary” to about \$24,000 per year
- Limit certain costs of the Board to 0.4 percent of the County portion of the tax levy (about \$1.11 million)
- Dictate powers of the Board as they relate to the County Executive, including contract oversight, communications with departments and collective bargaining
- Empower the County Executive to call special meetings and to control all lobbying

As your representative on the County Board, I have not yet taken a position with regard to this restructuring. In order to take a position, I am holding a public meeting to both inform and to obtain your input. Rep. Sanfelippo will discuss his bill and the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Sup. Theodore Lipscomb, will provide input from the local Board perspective. This format will ensure a good point/counterpoint discussion. It will also allow for your questions.

Please save the date!

Public Meeting: Restructuring County Government

Thursday, April 4, 2013

6:30-8:30 p.m.

at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center

[901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI](#)

- [Bill 1340](#) overview
- Details presented by Representative Joseph Sanfelippo
- Counterpoint by Supervisor Theo Lipscomb
- Review of County services from a governance perspective
- Question and answer
- Public comments

What do you want from your local County government? I am hopeful that residents will fill the auditorium to discuss this important issue. Don't miss this opportunity. More information will follow in my April E-Update.

Facilities Downsizing Gains Traction

Our work on strategic planning, an effort that I chaired, is now beginning to pay dividends. As a result of a Long Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee resolution, Milwaukee County commissioned a thorough review of certain facilities. The Comprehensive Facilities Plan Consulting Report has been completed. The Board will formally receive this report on March 12. This should lead to the creation of a plan to downsize facilities holdings.

My own view is that the Board should require a short-range plan and a more comprehensive long-range plan. The short-range plan to start initial actions must be part of the next budget. I will continue to advocate for this planning and to provide leadership at the County level.

In his 2013 State of The County address in February, the County Executive indicated that he will embrace the recommendations. He agrees that as the County workforce has been reduced, the County should shed surplus facilities.

Good News for the Hoan Bridge

Governor Walker's 2014-2015 Budget allocates \$236 million to repair the Hoan Bridge and I-794. This project will preserve access to the Port of Milwaukee and ensure the South Shore's connection to the greater Milwaukee area.



Honoring Lieutenant Murphy



Oak Creek Police Lieutenant Brian Murphy was honored at the County Board meeting on February 7, 2013. As the first emergency responder to confront a shooter attacking worshippers at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek in August 2012, Lt. Murphy sustained critical injuries. We thank him for his sacrifice to protect our community.

Lt. Murphy is in good spirits and is recovering. What a great honor to shake his hand.

Pullin' o' the Green

Join the Friends of Grant Park in their annual benefit to preserve and to enhance Grant Park on Sunday, March 10. Admission gets you a meal (your choice of corned beef and cabbage, Irish beef stew or potato kale soup), beer or other beverage, dessert and an evening of great music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers. The event will be held at Grant Park Clubhouse at 100 Hawthorne Avenue in South Milwaukee, with seatings at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Adults pay \$12 and children under 12 pay \$5. Tickets are available in advance at Nona's Cafe, Parkway Floral and Guardian Credit Union in South Milwaukee.

Public Trust Doctrine and Future of the Transit Center

I spoke as a panelist at the Milwaukee Press Club's *Whose Lakefront Is It?* on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Below appears the view of our Lakefront from the 40th floor of the U.S. Bank Building, where this event was held, an apt location for this discussion.

A meeting was held with Preserve Our Parks on February 26 to discuss the [Public Trust Doctrine](#) issue. The Board has authorized additional money to initiate a lawsuit, should it be necessary to obtain a clear title to the property.



Low Fares at Mitchell Airport

Airfares at General Mitchell International Airport continue to remain low, compared to the nation's average fares and those at O'Hare Airport. The Airport has posted more information at www.mitchellairport.com/airport-information/news-releases

Unclaimed Funds

Municipalities and County departments have entrusted Milwaukee County to serve as the custodian of funds that have been unclaimed by their owners. The County Treasurer is hoping to find residents who have money due to them. You may visit the [Treasurer's webpage](#) and scroll down to the 2013 list to see if funds are owed to you.

Franklin Facility: House of Correction or Jail?

In the 2013 Budget, the County planned to hire a new superintendent to run the House of Corrections (HOC) by April 2013. Because of the Sheriff's lawsuit to block this action, the County Board will meet on March 12 at 1 p.m. to discuss a delay of this hiring. These delays, along with the lawsuit, are costing tax dollars. I continue to disagree with the Sheriff's actions and the cost heaped upon taxpayers by the overreaching of the Sheriff as he inserts himself into the policy-making role designated by State Statutes exclusively to the Board.

Community Calendar

Saturday, March 2 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9am-4:30pm

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. Meet the three-month old jaguar cubs and the red-billed hornbill chicks! At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Saturday, March 2 – Germany Under Glass, 9am-5pm

Enjoy a festival with Germany music, dance, bakery, foods, pretzel-making demonstrations, storytelling, crafts and children's games. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies](https://www.facebook.com/events/435515979835246). Details: www.facebook.com/events/435515979835246

Mondays, starting March 4 – Easter Treats and International Foods, 12:30pm

\$10 fee. At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to preregister.

Tuesday, March 5 – Turn Your Hobby Into a Business, 12:30pm

Free. At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to preregister.

Wednesday, March 6 – Living well with vision loss, 1pm

Free. At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to preregister.

Saturday, March 9 – Turkey Under Glass, 9am-5pm

Immerse yourself in Turkish culture through dance, food and interactive displays. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies](#).

Sunday, March 10 –the Pullin' o' the Green, 4:30 & 6:30pm seatings

The Friends of Grant Park offer Irish Brew, Stew & Music, too at Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. Adults pay \$12. Kids under 12 years pay \$5. Tickets are available at Nona's Cafe, Parkway Floral and Guardian Credit Union in South Milwaukee.

Tuesday, March 12 – County Board Meeting, 1pm

& County Board Committee of the Whole, 1:30pm

The Board will first consider delaying the transition of the House of Corrections to a superintendent in Room 200 and then proceed to Room 201-R to consider the Comprehensive Facilities Plan. At the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee.

Tuesday, March 12 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Marquette Manor (2409 10th Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191 www.smfomp.org

Tuesday, March 12 –Beyond Pocahontas & Sacagawea: American Indian Women in History (a Lunch & Lecture event at the Milwaukee Public Museum)

Begins with an optional docent-led tour at 10:30am (meet near the Will-Call desk), continues with a lecture in Gromme Lecture Hall, 1st floor at 11:30am, and concludes with a buffet lunch in the Garden Gallery at 12:30pm. Cost: Lecture only: \$5 or free for members; Lecture & special Native American lunch: \$24 or \$19 for members. At the Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St, Milwaukee. Details: www.mpm.edu/plan-your-visit/events/lunch-lecture

Thursday, March 14 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. Park Watch: 764-7262. Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Thursday, March 14 – Davell Crawford: The Genius of Ray Charles, 7:30pm

The Piano Prince of New Orleans celebrates the genius of Ray Charles and the 50th anniversary of the 1962 album Modern Sounds in Country & Western Music which became a rapid critical and commercial success. Amid the height of the African-American civil rights struggle, the album's combination of soul and country music bent racial barriers within popular music in the United States. At the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Av, South Milwaukee. Tickets available for purchase at www.southmilwaukeepac.org and 766-5049.

Friday, March 22 – South Shore Noon Lions Card Party, 6-11pm

Join the South Shore Noon Lake Lions to play cards. \$10 gets you food, beverages and perhaps a door prize! At St. Paul Parish, Kansas & Howard Av, St. Francis. 762-5349.

Saturday, March 23 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8:30-11am & Egg Hunt, 10:30am
The Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse (FOMP) and the South Milwaukee Lions will serve pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice and coffee in this event to benefit the FOMP & SM Lions. People ages 13+ pay \$5. Ages 5 to 13 pay \$2. Those ages 4 and under are free. The egg hunt will involve candy. At the Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15th Av, South Milwaukee.

Friday, March 22 – Piano Concert, 12:30pm
Free. At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. 481-9611

Saturday, March 23 – Hug the Library, 1:30pm gathering
Celebrate the 10th birthday of the Cudahy Family Library at 3500 Library Drive, Cudahy. Gather at 1:30pm to form a 300-person human chain at 2pm. Refreshments will follow. Pledge to participate by calling 769-2244 or registering at facebook.com/CudahyFamilyLibrary. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire. Snow date: March 30

Monday, March 25 – Demystifying Burials, 10am
Free. At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to preregister.

Wednesday, March 27 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm
TEMPORARILY RELOCATED to Aurora South Shore's lower level meeting room (accessed through the main entrance at the hospital's northwest corner), 5900 South Lake Drive, Cudahy. 414-324-5531

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Ongoing:

THE DOMES



Music Under Glass, Thursdays, March 7 and 14, 6:30-8:30pm
Enjoy the new lighting of the domes with light shows! At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies](#). Check out the [schedule of music](#).

ICE SKATING

At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy
Bring your own skates. Open weather permitting.
Call 257-PARK (7275) for current conditions.

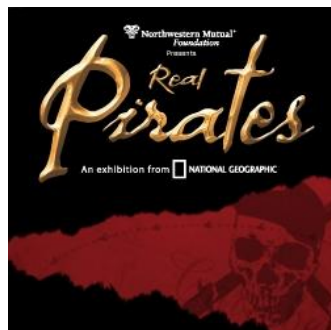
Sheridan Lagoon lights will be turned on daily until 8pm. The warming house will be open on weekends from 10am to 8pm.

At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St, Milwaukee (accessed via the [Green Line](#)) FREE rink. Skate rental: \$7 (ages 17 and under) or \$8 (18+) (includes tax) or bring your own. Enjoy the adjacent warming house with restrooms and refreshments! Closed for blizzard, wind chill or cold weather advisories. [Details](#).

Red Arrow Rink is open
WEATHER PERMITTING
Hours through Season Close:
Mon.-Th.: 11am*-8pm
* Skate rentals start at 2pm
Fri.-Sat.: 11am-11pm
Sun.: 11am-6pm

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

“Real Pirates” exhibit – through May 27, 2013



Experience the Golden Age of Piracy aboard the Whydah, one of the most successful pirate ships of her day, and learn about her roots as a slave ship and subsequent takeover and conversion into a pirate ship in the early 1700s. In 1717, a storm sank the Whydah with most of her crew aboard—as well as the bounty from more than 50 captured ships.

Centuries later, underwater explorer Barry Clifford and his team located the wreck and painstakingly unearthed her treasures, making her the first fully authenticated pirate ship ever to be discovered in U.S. waters. Organized by National Geographic and Arts and Exhibitions International. Rates and information: www.mpm.edu/pirates/visit/